

COUNTRY Eastern Germany
TOPIC Koethen Airfield
EVALUATION 25X1
DATE OF CONTENT 8 August to 4 September 1952
DATE OBTAINED 25X1
DATE PREPARED 10 October
REFERENCES
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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. The following air activity was observed at Koethen airfield between 8 August and 4 September 1952:
- 8 August. At 11:17 a.m., eight swept-back jet fighters took off in elements of two. A formation of 10 swept-back jet fighters was observed over the field at 11:20 a.m. All the planes were equipped with auxiliary fuel tanks.
- 12 August. At 10:07 a.m., seven swept-back jet fighters, [redacted] took off. Four MiG-15 and type-29 planes, [redacted] took off at 10:30 a.m.
- 18 August. A biplane landed at 10:30 a.m. and immediately took off again. The flight of four alert planes was still parked at its previous location. [redacted] Between 10:30 and 11:10 a.m., [redacted] heard the practice firing of pistols and machine guns.
- 4 September. Between 6:10 and 7 p.m., 23 MiG-15s and 2 Yak-11s were counted at the field. ** At 6:42 p.m., 16 MiG-15s took off at short intervals. The formation was aloft within two minutes and departed. It was not observed landing up to 8 p.m. After 3 p.m., searchlights were in operation and the runway lights were switched on.
- 25X1 2. Three gun emplacements and two large tents guarded by two sentries each were observed next to the alert planes. **
3. After nightfall, two sentries armed with rifles were observed patrolling both on Baasdorf-Koethen road and another road. The same observation was made on 8 September.
4. During the morning of 11 August, there was intensive air activity. Six Yak-11s and 23 swept-back jet fighters were counted at the field. Between 9:30 p.m. and 3:15 a.m. on the next morning, flights were made while searchlights were in operation. The following take-offs and landings were observed on 12 August:

Take-Offs	Landings	Aircraft
3:53 p.m.		Plane [redacted] 25X1
4:05 "	4:30 p.m.	Blue plane with radial engine towed an air sleeve
4:33 "		Plane [redacted] 25X1

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4:52 p.m.

5:50 to 5:52 p.m.

Eight planes

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4:55 "

Plane

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5:20 p.m.

Plane towing an
air sleeve

25X1

5:24 "

Plane

25X1

5:45 "

Plane

On 14 August, two blue fighters with radial engines landed at the field.

At 3:36 p.m.

on 15 August, 11 swept-back jet fighters,

took off. The planes landed between 4:36 and 4:40 p.m.

Plane took off at 5:25 p.m. and landed at 5:40 p.m. Twelve swept-back
jet fighters took off between 6:12 and 6:16 p.m. and landed between 6:58 and

7:03 p.m.

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